

Remarks

This election is made with the understanding that the non-elected claims may be also allowed if a generic claim is found to be allowable. It is also noted with appreciation that the examiner has identified claim 1 as being a generic.

With regard to the identity of species 1, it is respectfully and noted that figure 16 would be included within this species. Figure 16 discloses a clamping mechanism and the specification states that the clamping mechanism would work with any of the hubs identified in the application. For this reason, it is believed that figure 16 may be included in species 1.

Allowance of the elected claims is respectfully requested. Assuming claim 1 is allowed, the examiner is requested to also allow all of the other claims including the non-elected claims.


If the Examiner identifies further issues which may be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (865) 546-4305.

In the event that this response is not timely filed, Applicant hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension, along with any other fees which may be due with respect to this response, may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 12-2355.

Respectfully submitted,

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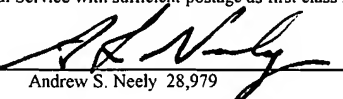

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